

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter

April 1, 2018

Hearing assistance devices are available.

Please ask a greeter for a receiver.

(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

We Gather in God's Name

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The bustle in a house
The morning after death
Is solemnest of industries
Enacted upon earth.

The sweeping up the heart
And putting love away
We shall not want to use again
Until eternity.

– Emily Dickenson, *The Bustle in a House*

OPENING VOLUNTARY Chorale Prelude on *Victory* Wilbur Held
Tune of Hymn #236, *The Strife is O'er*

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Mark 16:1-8

L: This is the day:

P: when tears are wiped away;
shattered hearts are mended;
fears are replaced with joy.

L: This is the day the Lord:

P: rolls away the stone of fear;
throws off death's clothes;
goes ahead of us into God's future.

continued

L: This is the day the Lord has made:
P: **death has no fear for us;
sin has lost its power over us;
God opens the tombs of our hearts to fill us with life.**
L: This is the day - Easter Day!
P: **Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!**

*HYMN #232 “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Very early in the morning, God created all that is good and beautiful.
Very early in the morning, a mother placed her newborn in a manger.
Very early in the morning, the good news was shared with frightened friends,
that Jesus was risen and alive in our midst.
Let us confess the fears and the amazement we bring this morning.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Emptier of tombs,
on this morning of hallelujahs, we must confess how human we are.
We haven't done any great evil,
but we have sometimes failed to do good when we had the chance.
We have not intentionally hurt anyone,
but have not always offered healing to the broken.
We easily accept the witness of the messenger in the tomb,
but find it difficult to share this good news with our
friends and neighbors.

Bring us new life, Dazzling God.
Where we are tired and stressed,
give us the energy to serve your creation.
Transform our hardened hearts into fountains of grace.
Forgive us of all the damage we have done,
and fill us with the joy of your Spirit.
In the name of Jesus Christ, who gives us new life, we pray.

(Time for silent confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE**

L: God, our Creator, gives us new life;
Christ, our Redeemer, prepares a table for us;
Holy Spirit, our Joy, calls us to service.
This is the good news:
 the tomb is empty, sin is powerless, death is defeated forever.
P: **On this very first day, and every day, we walk as God's people,
forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God!**
L: And as God's people, forgiven and whole,
 let us greet in other in the joy of new life.
 May the peace of Christ be with you.
P: **And also with you.**

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

PARISH LIFE & CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

God's Word Is Proclaimed

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Open our eyes and soften our hearts, O God,
 through the work of your Holy Spirit,
 that in the hearing of your Word
 we may receive new life. Amen.

WORD FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

BLESSING

based on 1 John 4:4, 7

**Little children, you are from God...
Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God.**

*(Infants and small children are dismissed to the care of the nursery staff.
Older children are invited to remain and worship.)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 25:6-9 (OT p.652)
L: The Word of the Lord. P: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 16:1-8 (NT p. 54)
L: The gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ. P: Glory to you, O Lord.

SERMON Jesus, Who Was Crucified Rev. Mike Wilson

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN #248 "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
& THE LORD'S PRAYER (people read bold) based on Hymn #246

O Christ,
This day as earth slumbered, you have been raised.
God has given you release from the tomb
and death's cold embrace.
And yet by the power of the Holy Spirit, you remain with us.
In birth and in life and in resurrection, you are still Emmanuel, God-with-us.
And by some mystery that our language cannot express,
you remain enthroned on the cross,
still taking into yourself the pain and brokenness of the world.

Released from the constraints of our human limitations
you are free to touch every place and time,
free to save and heal here and now,
daily in the midst of our strife;
in the midst of insult and rift and war,
you suffer still - and yet, you love us all the more;
and where even hope has died you live.

We pray this day that we might more fully live into that reality;
that we might participate more fully in your healing, reconciling work,
bringing peace where there is discord,
comfort where there is pain,
love where there is hate,
life where there is death.

And for those who are in need of peace, healing, comfort, love -
for those who are in need of life,
we offer our prayers and lift up to you now those people or situations
that have moved us, affected us, touched our lives or our hearts -
we lift up to your our prayers of petition and concern.

[Here you may say aloud your prayers of petition and concern.]

And for those sure signs that the power of resurrection is stronger than
any power that is contrary to your will,
we lift up our prayers of joy and celebration.

[Here you may say aloud your prayers of joy and celebration.]

O dearest friend and graced-filled savior, we give you thanks for your
love, your forgiveness, your life, your light.
As we move through this day and our lives beyond these walls,
keep us always mindful
in whatever reality we might find ourselves,
that your light still shines in the darkness
and that no darkness, not even the darkness of death, can overcome it.

And hear us as we proclaim the reality of your Parent's kingdom, saying:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENEROUS GIVING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Alleluia

Randall Thompson

DOXOLOGY

“For Yours is the Kingdom”

For yours is the king-dom, the pow'r and the
glo-ry, for ev-er and ev-er, A-men.

For your is the king-dom, the pow'r and the
glo-ry, for ev-er and ev-er, A-men.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first two staves are for the first voice part, and the last two are for the second voice part. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (unison)

What we have offered today hardly compares to what Jesus offered to redeem our broken world. But what we have given is of value nonetheless. Our gifts have the power to enable this church to participate in Christ's redemptive work. So please, O God, bless this offering and inspire those to whom it is entrusted to use it wisely and creatively to help reveal your kingdom. Amen.

We Seal God's Word Upon Our Hearts

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (people read bold)

L: The God of early mornings be with you.

P: **and also with you.**

L: People of the first day, lift up your hearts!

P: **We lift them to the One
who makes every day Easter.**

L: People of Easter joy, give thanks
to the One who is your salvation.

**P: We offer our hallelujahs
to the God of steadfast love.**

L: We lift our praise to you, Gardener of Creation.
On the first day, your Light split the shadows of chaos,
and all goodness flowed forth.
Gently and tenderly, you gathered up the rich soil of the earth
and shaped us into your image.
But the day came when we chose to run away from you,
preferring our petty schemes to your dreams for us.
You sang to us through the prophets, hoping we would join you
in the heavenly chorus.
But we kept silent, believing our wisdom was far superior to your love.
And when we dug our heels in through blind stubbornness,
refusing to follow you, you became one of us
that you might lead us back to you.
Therefore we join our glad songs of Easter
with those in every time and in every place, who sing to you their praise:

**P: Rejoice, heavenly powers!
Sing, choirs of angels!
Jesus Christ, our Lord, is risen!**

L: You alone are holy, Steadfast God,
and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.
God's true Light, he wandered the shadows of hell to bring us out;
God's own Beloved, he endured our brokenness to heal us forever;
God's own Glory, he went into the grave,
that we might enter the gates of righteousness.
As we remember you raising him from the dead and giving us life,
we proclaim our faith:

**P: Sin is conquered.
Death is defeated.
Christ is risen!
Alleluia!**

We Bear God's Word Into the World

*HYMN #233

“The Day of Resurrection!”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

L: Let all God's people say, P: Alleluia, Amen!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on *Christ in Todesbanden* Wilbur Held
Tune of Hymn #237, Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

Join us after worship

at the coffee pot in the narthex for interesting conversation and light refreshments. A good way to meet the pastor and make new friends at DPC!

Children and Worship

Note to Parents of Small Children: The presence of children in worship is a gift to our church. We welcome them, wiggles and all. Families are encouraged to sit together in worship, at least through the children's message. After that, parents may take younger children (5 and under) to our nursery, staffed by loving caregivers. A greeter can direct you to the nursery.

For effective faith development, we value older children (over 5) experiencing the entire worship service. To help, children's bulletins and activities to keep little hands occupied can be found on the table in the narthex.

If you have questions or ideas for children's ministry, please contact Suzie Lane at suzielane@dpchurch.com.

Electronic Giving!

Want an easy way to donate to DPC? Just text "**dpchurch**" to **73256**. You'll get a link to a secure site that will scan your credit card info. You can even choose what special DPC fund you want to give to. It only takes about a minute!

Thanks for supporting the ministries of Downtown Presbyterian Church!

Parking

Parking for Sunday worship is in the Premier lot at **147 4th Ave. N.**

You must come down 4th from Church Street. Parking in this lot is complimentary from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Parking vouchers are necessary to exit the lot without having to pay. To get one, just ask one of our greeters.

Our Ministries Last Week

Saturday Breakfast Ministry

138 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on March 24.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:88, Children:9

Visitors and Tourists

58 visitors came to view the sanctuary during the week.

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

Monday, April 2

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, April 3

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Wednesday, April 4

Thursday, April 5

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, April 6

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Saturday, April 7

8:30 Breakfast served to Nashville's homeless and urban poor

Sunday, April 8

9:45 Christian Education

11:00 Worship – the Sanctuary

12:30 Lunch Meet-up

– Nashville Farmer's Market

Our Mission

Gathering in the heart of Nashville, we are a community of disciples of Jesus Christ. We seek the welfare of the city as we seek the kingdom of God. We are an historic church working to be a welcoming and inclusive congregation. Together we actively share God's grace and love through worship, education and service, and through being an active voice in promoting justice and peace in our community and the world.

Our Values and Ethos

We believe that every person is a beloved child of God.

Our welcome extends to everyone, whatever your economic circumstances, your faith background, your racial or ethnic identity, your sexual orientation or gender identity, or your political affiliations.

As a diverse community we seek to intentionally embody God's radically inclusive and transformative love for everyone. With love and grace, we are called as a community to grow together as a voice for justice and peace - each as we are, with our unique human stories of joy and struggle.

SESSION 2018

Rev. Mike Wilson, Moderator

Jack Henderson, Clerk

Jeff Koontz, Treasurer

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Cary Gibson
Michael Korak
Jim Dickson

Class of 2019

Chuck Cardona
Jack Henderson
Justin Near

Class of 2020

Dave Coleman
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Vickie Coffin

THE CHURCH STAFF

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